

## READ MORE BOOKS WITH CHICK-FIL-A

Join us for a new monthly fun-filled storytime Friday, March 6th at 10:45 am as we Read More Books with Chick-fil-a in the Mall of Abilene! We'll share wonderful stories, songs, games, and possibly crafts. You'll even get a free treat from Chick-fil-a for attending. Treats decided by Chick-fil-a staff and dispersed while supplies last. Make plans to head to the Mall for this great storytime hosted at Chick-fil-a and presented by staff at the Abilene Public Library South Branch.

## WOMEN AND THE RIGHT TO VOTE

One hundred years ago women in the US got the right to vote by way of the 19th Amendment. Come hear Dr. Tiffany Fink of Hardin-Simmons University speak about this important time in history, along with her travels to Seneca Falls and other locations important in the Women's Suffrage Movement Saturday, March 7th at 2 pm in our South Branch Meeting Room. She will also share how even though women got the right to vote there were still barriers that kept a lot of women from voting. Join us for this fascinating look at our history during Women's History Month. Tea and refreshments will be provided.



## SPRING PLANTING

Spring is just around the corner! It's time to start planting! Master Gardener Juanita Campos will speak about seed starting and what to plant when. Come to the Abilene Public Library Auditorium on Saturday, March 14th at 3 pm to benefit from her advice on Spring Planting.

## OVERDRIVE BOOKMOBILE NATIONAL TOUR

Traveling coast to coast, the Digital Bookmobile National Tour is making a stop in Abilene at the South Branch Library on Tuesday, March 17 from 11 am until 3pm. This 53-foot long traveling exhibit provides devices, internet connectivity and expert guidance to your library's digital collection of ebooks and audiobooks. Readers of all levels of familiarity with ebooks are invited to this interactive exhibit to learn about, and try Abilene Public Library's digital collection of ebooks and audiobooks. Equipped with interactive workstations, touchscreen activities, devices to sample titles and more, the Digital Bookmobile has everything a reader needs to get started. Popular devices fill the Gadget Gallery for visitors to browse the Abilene Public Library's digital collection. The Digital Bookmobile is powered by OverDrive, the industry-leading digital reading platform for more than 43,000 libraries and schools worldwide, including Abilene Public Library. To check out digital books and more, visit [www.abilene.lib.overdrive.com](http://www.abilene.lib.overdrive.com) or download Libby. Free and open to readers of all ages.



# BiblioFiles

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## CRAFTY DIY: HANDMADE SOAP

Each session features a new craft or DIY project for those ages 18 and older with which to get hands-on. So, add some flair to your home décor with handmade soap Wednesday, March 11th in our Main Library Basement at 10 am.

## GENEALOGY LOCK-IN

Explore your family tree without distractions Friday, March 20th in our Main Library Basement at 6 pm. The Genealogy Department will be all yours as well as help from the West Texas Genealogy Association members and library staff. The doors will still lock at closing so be sure to be in the building prior.



## SPRING CRAFT: ROSEMARY WREATHS

Let's celebrate Spring by making aromatic wreaths using rosemary on Tuesday, March 31 at 6:30 pm in the South Branch Meeting Room. Perfect to hang in your kitchen, or give as a gift. For ages 15+.

## OPEN MIC NIGHT @ SOUTH BRANCH

Are you are a local performer? We would like to invite you the South Branch Meeting Room



Thursday, March 19th at 6 pm for our third Open Mic Program. Each performer will be given five minutes on our stage, any genre or style as long as it is appropriate for all ages. If time allows, walk-ins will be allowed stage time as well. Please register at <http://abilene.evanced.info/signup>. The public is invited to come out enjoy some local talent.

# MAIN LIBRARY PROGRAMS

## FRIDAY FLICKS: THE QUIET MAN

Join us Friday, March 6th at 2:30 pm in our Auditorium for this classic John Wayne film set in Ireland. Rated G. Runtime: 129 minutes. Ages 13+. Snacks provided.

## COFFEE & CONVERSATION

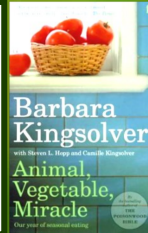
If you know someone who may need housing, food, clothing or support, bring them along to our Auditorium Monday, March 9th at 9 am. We'll have coffee and talk about available services. Service providers will be present to talk about what they offer. We are here to listen.

## COVER-TO-COVER

Join us Thursday, March 19th at the Mockingbird Branch at 6 pm for a lively discussion of "Animal, Vegetable, Miracle" by Barbara Kingsolver. Her first nonfiction work traces the year her family ate only locally grown food. Ages 18+.

## EMBROIDERY

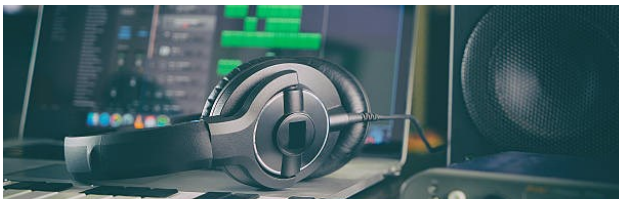
Learn how to embellish clothes, pillowcases, towels, or just about anything made of fabric, Thursday, March 12th at 2:30 pm outside our Creation Station. Ages 13+.



## IMAGINATION LAB

### PAPER CIRCUITS

It's all about paper circuits Monday, March 9th at 4:30 pm in our Storyroom. Create a card or piece of art that lights up, using a coin battery, led and copper tape. One light and coin battery per participant. All Ages.



### AUDACITY

Learn how to edit audio with this free program Monday, March 23rd at 4:30 pm in our Storyroom. Add effects and mix sounds to create a unique track. All ages.

## BAKER STREET IRREGULARS

If you love Sherlock Holmes, this club is for you!

The Baker Street Irregulars literary society is dedicated to the study of Sherlock Holmes, Dr. Watson, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and the Victorian world. The Abilene Abernethy Family 'scion society' of the BSI was founded in June 2017, and will be meeting monthly on the second Thursday of each month. Free - Join us and indulge your love of all things Sherlockian!

## SUPER STORYTIME: SHAMROCKS

Enjoy activities, songs and stories about shamrocks and St. Patrick's Day Friday, March 6th at 11 am in our Storyroom. We'll also make a colorful shamrock craft you can take home. All ages.

## FAMILY BOARD GAME NIGHT

Play classic games with your family such as Don't Break the Ice and Candyland the 1st and 3rd Fridays of March at 4 pm in our Children's Area. Play and see who is the ultimate champion of board games in your family. All ages.

## SNAP CIRCUITS

Snap Circuits makes learning about electronics easy and fun! Build a project to make a light or a spinner fly through the air Tuesday, March 10th 3 pm in our Storyroom. All ages.

## ARTWALK: DIY PADDLE BALL

Be sure to stop by during ArtWalk Thursday, March 12th at 5:30 pm. We will have a fun craft to make in our main foyer area. All ages.

## FAMILY FLIX: THE LORAX

Enjoy this 2012 fantasy film based on the classic Dr. Seuss book "Dr. Seuss' The Lorax" Saturday, March 21st at 3 pm in our Storyroom. If you haven't already, be sure to read the book as well. Rated PG. Runtime: 86 minutes. All ages.

## COMMON THREADS: KNITTING & CROCHET CLUB

Join us Tuesday, March 10th at 6:30 pm in the Main Library basement for a social gathering of Knitting and Crochet. Work on projects as well as swap techniques. Light refreshments provided. For ages 18+.

# MOCKINGBIRD PROGRAMS

## TEEN TECH: MEET CUE!

The Library has an awesome new robot for everyone to meet! Cue is a little robot with a big personality that is ready to teach coding through Blockly and JavaScript. On Monday the 9th from 2 pm until 3pm, in our activity room, we will have all of the Cue bots wrangled for you to come and meet and learn how to use them. This fun free program is for ages 11 and up.

## TEEN TECH: SKETCHING WITH CUE

If you missed the Meet Cue program, no worries on March 11th at 2 pm, we will be doing a hands on demonstration on how the quirky little Cue bot can draw with your help! So come down and meet Cue for the first time or learn how to do an all new trick with him. This fun free program is for ages 11 and up.

## MOCKINGBIRD MOVIES

### SPACE JAM

Kick off March Madness with this classic movie from 1996. Refreshments will be served, but feel free to bring in your own snacks and food for the movie, Thursday March 12th at 6 pm in our Activity Room. Rated PG. Runtime: 100 minutes.

### SUPER STORYTIME: OOH, LA LLAMA!

We'll have llama mania Friday March 13th at 10:45 am in our Activity Room with llama crafts and songs. All ages.

# SOUTH BRANCH PROGRAMS

## MORNING MINGLE: COLORING CLUB

Adults are invited to our Meeting Room Wednesday, March 4th at 10 am. Take a break from your hectic lives, relieve some stress and have a little fun without rules to follow. Meet new people, make new friends and enjoy yourself. We'll provide coloring sheets of various subjects as well as crayons, colored pencils and markers. Feel free to bring your own supplies if you'd like. Ages 18+.

## SPRING BREAK STEAM

Join us March 4th through March 14 at 10 am in our Children's Area during spring break week. Each day we will have a different science, technology, engineering, art or math activity ranging from a Static Electricity Butterfly to a Lego Marble Run! All ages.

## FAMILY FLIX: MALEFICIENT 2

The whole family can enjoy this 2019 Disney film that revisits Aurora and Maleficent Saturday, March 14th at 11 am in our Meeting Room. Rated PG. Runtime: 120 minutes. All ages.

### SATURDAY MATINEE: MIDWAY

Saturday, March 14th at 2 pm in our Meeting Room, we'll show this film based on a battle that was pivotal to the WWII Pacific Theater. Rated PG-13. Runtime: 125 minutes. Ages 13+.

**Light snacks provided. Feel free to bring your own as well.**

## FAMILY FLIX: FROZEN 2

Enjoy a new Anna and Elsa adventure Saturday, March 28th at 11 am in our Meeting Room. Rated PG. Runtime: 103 minutes. All ages.

### SATURDAY MATINEE: HARRIET



Saturday, March 28th at 2 pm in our Meeting Room, we'll show this film based on the life of Harriet Tubman. Rated PG-13. Runtime: 125 minutes. Ages 13+.

## FAMILY FUN: ALL ABOUT SPRING

Learn all about the season of Spring Monday, March 2nd 5 pm in our Meeting Room. We'll even pot a plant. All ages.

### MAKE & TAKE: YOU CHOOSE!

Join us in the Children's Area Tuesday, March 10th at 4:30 pm for a "you choose" craft event. Ages 2 to 12.

### FAMILY BOARD GAME NIGHT

Play classic games with your family such as *Don't Break the Ice* and *Candyland* along with old favorites like *Monopoly* and *Chess*. Play and see who is the ultimate board game champion in your family Thursday, March 12th at 6 pm throughout the South Branch. All ages.

## STORIES AT DIPPIN' DOTS

South Brach Storytellers present crafts, songs and stories Tuesday, March 17th at 10:30 am in the Mall of Abilene next to Dippin' Dots. All ages.

### FAMILY COLORING CLUB

Families, come enjoy a fun morning of coloring for all ages Wednesday, March 18th at 10 am in our Meeting Room. Coloring sheets and implements provided.

### SUPER STORYTIME: ALL ABOUT TREES

Learn more about this perennial plant Friday, March 20th at 10:45 am in our Meeting Room and make a Cherry Blossom Tree of your own. All ages.



# ONGOING PROGRAMS AT ALL LOCATIONS

## TAX AID

Take advantage of this free service in our Main Library Auditorium Wednesdays and Thursdays through April 9th or our Mockingbird Branch Fridays and Saturdays through April 11th. Volunteers will prepare your taxes, file them electronically and provide a paper copy for your records. Intake at both locations begins at 9:30 am with actual tax prep occurring between 10 am and 3 pm. We recommend coming early, as slots fill up quickly. Tax preparers reserve the right to close intake when their list is full. First-come, first-served.



## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Host, or join, a game every Monday at 5:30 pm in the Mockingbird Branch Activity Room. Staff will provide manuals, dice and character sheets. Adventurers and Dungeon Masters alike are welcome. Ages 13+.

## FANDOM CLUB

Teens are welcome to attend Fandom Club weekly on Tuesday in the Main Library Teen Zone at 4:30 pm. Meet other fans, discuss your fandoms, create fandom based art, play fandom games! For ages 12 to 18.



## POKÉMON MEETUP

Join us for an afternoon of Pokémon gaming fun every Sunday! Kids ages 7 to 14 are invited to play for the first hour starting at 1:30 pm. Then, players ages 15 and older are invited to play from 2:30 pm until 5:30 pm. Both experienced and new players are welcome to play the Pokémon Card Game at your South Branch Library.

## TECH (TECHNOLOGY, ENRICHMENT & COLLABORATIVE HELP) TIME

As more people acquire smartphones, tablets, and laptops, you may find yourself needing a little help. If that's you, join us for TECH (Technology Enrichment & Collaborative Help) Time at your library. Sessions will be hosted on a weekly basis at your South Branch Library where our tech gurus will help you to navigate your way through learning to use your devices and answering your tech-related questions. If you need help learning to use our digital services, learning to use features on your devices, experiencing a problem, etc., we'll do our best to help you learn and resolve the issues you're experiencing. We may not have all the answers, but we'll certainly do our best to help. Guests will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis and limited to 20-minutes if others are waiting. For more information, contact staff at 325-698-7565.

## YOUTH CHESS CLUB

Learn to play chess in a supportive environment! Youth ages 8-18 are welcome to attend any and all meetings of the Youth Chess Club, regardless of experience or skill-level. We'll practice strategy, respectful competition, and have fun! Contact Susannah at [susanah.barrington@abilenetx.gov](mailto:susanah.barrington@abilenetx.gov) for more information.

Mockingbird Branch Activity Room  
Tuesday, March 3rd @ 4 pm

Main Library Story Area  
Tuesday, March 10th @ 4 pm

South Branch Meeting Room  
Tuesday, March 17th @ 4 pm

## Abilene Public Library Hours & Locations

**Main Branch**  
202 Cedar St  
Abilene Texas 79601  
325-677-2474

	Closed
Sunday	
Monday	9 am - 9 pm
Tuesday	9 am - 9 pm
Wednesday	9 am - 6 pm
Thursday	9 am - 9 pm
Friday	9 am - 6 pm
Saturday	9 am - 6 pm

**Mockingbird Branch**  
1326 N Mockingbird Ln  
Abilene Texas 79603  
325-437-7323

	Closed
Sunday	
Monday	9 am - 9 pm
Tuesday	9 am - 9 pm
Wednesday	9 am - 6 pm
Thursday	9 am - 9 pm
Friday	9 am - 6 pm
Saturday	9 am - 6 pm

**South Branch**  
4310 Buffalo Gap Rd  
Abilene Texas 79606  
325-698-7565

Sunday	1 pm - 6 pm
Monday	10 am - 9 pm
Tuesday	10 am - 9 pm
Wednesday	10 am - 6 pm
Thursday	10 am - 9 pm
Friday	10 am - 6 pm
Saturday	10 am - 6 pm

website: [www.abilenetx.gov/apl](http://www.abilenetx.gov/apl)

Let's Be Social!

